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SENATOR ALLARD SECURES FUNDING FOR ROCKY FLATS POST-CLOSURE OUTREACH ORGANIZATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) announced today that he has successfully secured \$500,000 for the establishment of a local stakeholder organization to address issues involving Rocky Flats after the completion of the clean-up of the facility. The appropriation was included in the 2005 Omnibus appropriation bill approved by Congress November 20.

“Local governments and community-minded activists have helped position the site for early closure, potentially saving the federal government hundreds of millions of dollars, by working closely with the Department of Energy,” Senator Allard said.

“It is imperative that local governments and community activists continue to play a critical role in assisting the Department of Energy after completion of the clean-up of Rocky Flats,” the Senator said. “With this goal in mind, I secured \$500,000 for a local stakeholder organization from which local communities can communicate their questions and concerns to the Department of Energy.”

At Senator Allard’s request, the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization bill established a local stakeholder organization at Rocky Flats and two other 2006 DOE closure sites for the purpose of soliciting and encouraging public involvement, disseminating information, and transmitting concerns to representatives of the Department of Energy.

“Having an active local stakeholder organization will lower the possibility of confusion between the local community and the Department of Energy,” Senator Allard said. “It also will provide the local community with a voice in the monitoring of soil and water at the site and the eventual opening of the national wildlife refuge to the public.”

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